

ately well fixed in this world's goods, he cannot afford to and would do an injustice to his family if he did."

The journal contains expressions of regret at his absence, as he was "an efficient officer and gave much time and attention to the order."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Loeb, reports a net increase in membership of 280, bringing the total up to 1986. They suspended 221. There are 31 lodges, with assets amounting to \$44,036.03. They expended for relief \$5,847.00. The Grand Lodge has \$1,288.78 in the treasury. Pythianism in Montana is all right.

Brother T. J. Porter, Fraternal Correspondent, presents a creditable report, above the average (worth more than the \$25.00 paid for its preparation), and full of the true Pythian spirit. From the introduction we clip the following, as well worthy of consideration:—

"The highest welfare of the order demands that every applicant for the ranks of knighthood should not only memorize, but also thoroughly understand, the obligation of every rank before passing to a higher rank. The realization of the full meaning of knighthood, in the life of the individual member, as well as the prosperity of the order, rests upon the obedience of each individual mind and conscience to the obligations; obedience to the obligations is the supreme test of Pythian fidelity and its attainment ought to be the first concern of both Grand and Supreme legislation, and the constant thought of every Chancellor Commander."

Next convention at Bozeman the fourth Tuesday in June, 1896.

J. S. HAMMOND, G. C., Butte.

JACOB LOEB, G. K. R. S., Helena.

E. BUTLER, Fraternal Correspondent, Miles City.

NEBRASKA.—Twenty-seventh annual convention, at Lincoln, October 9-12, 1894. (Journal received February 20, 1895.)

Grand Chancellor Dillworth's report is a most encouraging document. He says they have "steadily marched onward" and "gained in membership;" new lodges have been instituted, and the old lodges have done "a remarkable amount of rank work," and that they are "exercising more care in admitting new men, scrutinizing more closely the applicant than has ever been done before. . . . In fact, the condition of our order was never better, and the enthusiasm of the members never greater." Nine lodges were "revived and placed upon their feet again, and nine instituted, which is a good record. They now have 166 lodges, with a membership of 6,954, an increase of 416. There were 853 suspended. The lodges paid \$8,250.68 for relief, and have assets amounting to \$35,856.75. Grand Lodge balance \$3,865.92.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee say they did their level best and have no hard feelings against anybody—notwithstanding anything they may have written. If any domain feels hurt they didn't mean to.

Next convention at Grand Island in October, 1895.

L. W. SHUMAN, G. C., Aurora.

H. M. SHAEFFER, G. K. R. S., Lincoln.

JOHN Q. GOSS, chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee, Bellevue.